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Sir:

Please extend the time for response to the Official Action dated December 12, 2008, by two months from March 12, 2009 to May 12, 2009. The amount of \$490.00 is submitted concurrently herewith as payment for the fee.

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